

## OUR FOREIGN COMMERCE.

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN ITS HISTORY IT EXCEEDS TWO BILLIONS.

Our Exports Exceed Those of Any Previous Year and Are More Widely Distributed—Large Increase in Exports of Manufactured Articles and Expanding Market for American Goods—Gold Production Through the World the Greatest in History.

WASHINGTON, July 29.—The annual report of the Chief of the Treasury Bureau of Statistics upon the foreign commerce of the United States during the year ending June 30, 1900, has been completed and will form part of the June summary of commerce and finance, which will appear in the report of the Secretary of the Treasury during the coming week. The report shows that the total imports of merchandise during the year were \$2,414,470, and the total exports \$2,494,187.31. The principal features of the report, omitting the statistical tables, are as follows:

Four great factors determine the foreign commerce of the United States in 1900, the closing year of the decade and the century:

First.—The total commerce of the year—exports by \$2,494,187.31, and imports by \$2,414,470, and for the first time in our history exceeds \$2,000,000,000.

Second.—The exports exceed those of any preceding year, and are more widely distributed throughout the world than ever before.

Third.—Manufactured materials were more freely imported than ever before and formed a larger share of the total imports than on any former occasion.

Fourth.—Manufactured articles were more freely exported than ever before and formed a larger share of the total exports than on any former occasion.

## IMPORTS OF MANUFACTURED MATERIALS.

Two of the five great classes of imports are exclusively manufactured materials. The first of these, "articles in a crude condition which enter into the various processes of domestic industry," includes, and is chiefly made up of, unmanufactured fibers, raw silk, wool, crude india rubber, hides and skins, pig iron, and certain chemicals.

The second class, "articles wholly or partially manufactured for use in domestic industry," includes wool, leather, furs, cement, yarns, oils, dyes and dyestuffs and certain chemicals.

The other three classes of imports are foodstuffs, articles manufactured ready for consumption, and articles of voluntary use, luxury, etc.

The two classes designated as "articles in a crude condition" and "articles wholly or partially manufactured for use in domestic industry" are by far the largest, being in 1900, \$920,254,106, against \$827,657,774 in 1899, or nearly 40 per cent. greater than in any preceding year; while the class which includes articles wholly or partially manufactured for use in domestic industry, and which is designated as "articles of voluntary use, luxury, etc.," is \$1,574,233,281, against \$1,493,833,495 in 1899, or 5.4 per cent. greater than in any preceding year.

The share which articles of voluntary use, luxury, etc., have in the total imports of the United States is constantly increasing, and in the year just ended formed by far the largest total and largest percentage of the grand total in the history of our foreign commerce. Of the total imports of the year, manufacturers' materials, including foodstuffs, articles of voluntary use, luxury, etc., and articles of domestic industry, formed 81.4 per cent. of the total imports, while the share of articles in a crude condition was 18.6 per cent.

## GROWTH IN EXPORTS OF MANUFACTURED MATERIALS.

While manufacturers' materials show the largest growth in our exports, manufactured articles show the largest growth in our imports.

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## AN ANGRY BARBER MOBBED.

HE HAD SHOT INTO THE THROAT AND WOUNDED TWO PERSONS.

When He Couldn't Get Into a Shop He Had Been Discharged From He Seemed to Go Crazy. He Fired a Revolver Into the Throat of a Barber and Wounded Two Persons.

PAQUALE DANIELLO, an Italian barber, shot two strangers in a fit of ungovernable rage at River Street and Forsyth streets yesterday, and the crash and the excitement at the scene of the shooting were so great that the window panes in several adjoining shops were broken in.

Paquale was discharged from the River Street shop at 107 Forsyth street about two weeks ago. Yesterday he returned to the shop under pretense of fetching away some articles belonging to him, but what he really did was to demonstrate with Tiger shot his discharge. He kept this up until Tiger threw him out of the shop and barred the door against him.

Paquale then turned around and fired a shot into the crowd. Morris Finkel, who is a barber too, was hit by a bullet in the small of the back. A third bullet struck William Fields, a truck driver, of 333 East Tenth street, in the left arm. The fourth shot went wild.

Joe Lawler, an old man, known as "Steeple Joe," was the first man to go for Paquale. He did it so quickly that the barber was disarmed and sprawling on the ground before a fifth shot could be fired. Then when there was no more danger the mob closed in on the prostrate man and for a few minutes it looked as if he would be kicked to death as he lay there.

Police officers ran up blowing their whistles. Four men policemen and a detective who had been doing saloon duty were on the spot almost as soon as Lyons, and the six beat their way through the crowd to the submerged and faint-crazed Paquale.

Even then the mob showed an inclination to take the man's punishment into their own hands, but he was hustled into a drug store, and from there to the Eldridge street police station. The two wounded men were removed to Gouverneur Hospital. Finkel's condition was found to be serious.

The fact that the revolver was now seemed to the police to indicate that Paquale had contemplated revenge, but he did not appear to aim at anybody in particular.

## FUND GREW DURING LITIGATION.

Annual Feature of a Long-Fought Suit Just Decided in New Jersey.

PATERSON, July 29.—After ten years of litigation the final decree of the court of chancery was granted Saturday afternoon in the case of the Knights of Labor v. the Knickerbocker Hotel.

The Knights of Labor have disappeared from this city, but fifteen years ago they were a powerful organization, and their litigation with the Knickerbocker Hotel was one of the most famous in the history of the city.

The fund for the litigation was \$100,000 in 1885, and it had grown to \$1,000,000 in 1900. The fund was used to pay the expenses of the litigation, and the balance was distributed to the members of the Knights of Labor.

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## LIVE TOPICS ABOUT TOWN.

One who frequents places in which negroes are employed cannot fail to notice the increase in the number of Cuban negroes who have places in the hotels and apartment houses on the upper West Side.

"I was called upon several days ago," said a New York Times reporter, "to go to a number of flat houses in the region on the upper West Side and was astonished to find that in a majority of cases the men employed in the hotels and apartment houses were Cuban negroes. Some of them could speak English at all, while others could not speak a word of English."

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## CUBANS ARE AROUSED NOW.

ALL CLASSES SHOW AN INTEREST IN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

Conservatives to Take an Active Part in the Campaign for Delegates—A Fear That the Revolutionists Will Get Control of the Country—Talk of Gomez for President.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. HAVANA, July 29.—The campaign for members of the Constitutional Convention is being run on a strictly party basis, especially in Havana, where the parties are better organized than they are in the other parts of the island. The Nationalists are attempting to extend their influence through the provinces, and the Democratic Union is also organizing. All the parties maintain that the best men should be elected, but it is believed that when the time for voting comes the parties will be better organized than they are in the other parts of the island.

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## MR. MARTINELLI APPROVES.

The Proposed Catholic Federation May Be Permanently Organized Soon.

The project for the federation of the societies of Catholic laymen throughout the United States that is now being agitated has received the strong approval of Mr. Martinelli, the Apostolic Delegate at Washington. In a letter to John A. Kuster of Columbus, Ohio, one of the most earnest advocates of the scheme, Mr. Martinelli says:

"Believing, as I naturally and sincerely do, that the Catholic interests are well worth protecting and promoting for the welfare, both of religion and of the civil society, and knowing the value of united effort for the protection of any interest, I do not fail to appreciate the importance and desirability of such a movement as you tell me has been inaugurated. If, however, it is absolutely necessary that any and every Catholic society, however humble, in order to have the approval and encouragement of the Church, should maintain relations of filial respect, submission and obedience to the legitimate ecclesiastical authority, for a great confederation of Catholic societies, such relations become infinitely more important. It is absolutely necessary that, as the movement progresses and the Catholic societies grow strong in union they will ever remember that before numbers and before union the great source of Catholic strength is an ecclesiastical authority."

Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop Ryan of Philadelphia, Archbishop Elder of Cincinnati and many other members of the Catholic hierarchy warmly endorsed the project. It has been decided to keep up the agitation for a Catholic federation for some time yet and then hold a national congress to perfect a permanent organization. This congress may be held in this city. Catholic societies with a membership of 600,000 have already announced their intention to enter the federation. The project has been warmly endorsed by the hierarchy and the laity.

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